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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Stephen R. Gorfine

Application No.: 10/021,168

Filed: December 11, 2001

For: NITRIC OXIDE DONOR
COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR
TREATMENT OF ANAL DISORDERS

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Examiner: Christopher Robin Tate

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 20, 2003, Applicants herewith file a Petition for an Extension of Time to the present date to maintain the co-pendency of this application with a continuation application thereof to be filed separately on the present date.

If the Examiner has any questions, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

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